

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 are currently pending in the above-captioned application. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement in the Office Action in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. In response, Applicants elect the group 1 of the invention, with claims 1 to 10.

In addition, Applicants were required to elect a single species for the elected invention. In response, Applicants elect species Ia which is encompassed by claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at a later time.

Applicants make the election without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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